

July 31, 2023

The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023. Chairman Jim Marshall and members Tom Claussen and Mike Cooper were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the July 24, 2023 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Marshall opened the public hearing for Lulu, Eureka, Center, Hayes, and Logan township budgets at 8:30 a.m. Marty Hernandez, Public Works Supervisor, and Karm Princ, public works, were in attendance to represent the county.

Commissioner Claussen read a Thank You note from Judy Pettijohn for condolences given after her husband's passing. He also read a flyer about the listening tour for Tracey Mann August 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at the Port Library.

A neighborhood revitalization for Skyler & Michelle Wise for a 52'x102' residential building for \$501,000 was approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Marshall closed the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. for the above-mentioned townships. With no one in objection, the budgets were approved on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mitchell County hosts the next multi-county meeting on September 18th and commissioner Marshall decided that the meeting will be held at the Mitchell County Museum. A discussion was had about food and agenda items.

Jeff Reece, auditor with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered, was present to work on the county budget.

Allen Eilert & Kyle Kopsa were in attendance to represent Fire District #3, Tom Deneke was present to represent MCO #1, and the Tipton fire department did not have a representative. The budgets for all three fire departments will be exceeding the revenue neutral rate and the RNR public hearing will be held in the commissioner's room at 9:15 a.m. on September 11th. The public hearing for the proposed budgets will be held at 9:30 a.m. on September 11th in the commissioner's room.

Discussion then moved to the county budget. Yvonne Melton, Treasurer, Tami Eck, Register of Deeds, Tony Perez, Sheriff, Marty Hernandez, Public Works, Melinda Latham, County Appraiser, Missy McGinnis, EMS, Cortney Murrow, County Health, and David Dohe, Emergency Management were present. Reece went line by line over the numbers in the budget. Each department present discussed why they budgeted the dollars they did for 2024.

The public hearing for Flood Plain Resolution 23-02 was opened by commissioner Marshall at 10:00 a.m. Dohe, Flood Plain Administrator, asked that the commissioners resend resolution 2-04 before adopting the new resolution. After receiving no objections, at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Claussen moved to resend resolution 2-04 and adopt resolution 23-02. The motion was seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Official copies of the resolution will be available in the county clerk's office.

Commissioner Marshall moved to take a 10-minute recess. The motion was seconded by Tom Claussen and carried by unanimous vote. The recess started at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 10:40 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order by commissioner Marshall. The county budget was finalized and the commissioners gave their approval. The mill levy was set at 88.112 which is below the revenue neutral rate of 88.176, so the county will not be exceeding. The public hearing for the proposed budget will be September 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner's room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. on motion by Tom Claussen and seconded by Mike Cooper. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jim Marshall, Chairman

ATTEST: Heather Weston, Mitchell County Clerk